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SUBJECT: UN SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF NAMIBIA

REF: USUN 3226

1. SC PRESIDENT ABE (JAPAN) TELEPHONED ME AFTERNOON AUGUST 17 WITH RESPECT TO SC CONSIDERATION OF NAMIBIA. HE REPORTED THAT HE HAD NOW MET WITH THE THREE AFRICAN MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (BENIN, LIBYA, TANZANIA). THEY EXPRESSED DESIRE TO LEAVE NAMIBIA ISSUE PENDING UNTIL SEPTEMBER AND MENTIONED NO SPECIFIC DATE FOR A MEETING. THEY WOULD, HOWEVER, WANT ONE PRO FORMA MEETING BEFORE END OF AUGUST IN ORDER TO MEET AUGUST 31 DEADLINE LAID DOWN IN JANUARY SC RESOLUTION. ABE'S CURRENT THINKING IS TO CALL A MEETING SOMETIME DURING LAST WEEK OF AUGUST WHICH WOULD MERELY DEFER QUESTION FOR CONSIDERATION IN SEPTEMBER.

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2. ABE SAID THERE WAS ONLY ONE OTHER POINT THAT SEEMED TO

HIM TO BE PENDING. IF SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD COME FORTH IN  
NEXT FEW DAYS WITH A PLAN FOR NAMIBIA, THEN SAG MIGHT WISH TO  
HAVE DEBATE IN SC BEFORE AUGUST 31. HE ASKED AGAIN ABOUT  
STATUS OF TALKS ON NAMIBIA. I REPLIED, AS IN EARLIER  
CONVERSATION WITH ABE, THAT I HAD NO INFORMATION RE DETAILS  
OF PLANNING FOR NAMIBIA AND WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO  
ESTIMATE WHEN SOUTH AFRICA MIGHT MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT.  
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